

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

PROJECT TITLE	TCU UH – Re-piping Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE's Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit Headquarters 785 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249 Township 4N; Range 12E; Sec. 20 MDBM	COUNTY	Calaveras
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is located within CAL FIRE's Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit Headquarters facility which is approximately 1.1 acres in size. It entails replacing existing water and gas lines with upgraded construction material to reduce/eliminate breakage and/or blowout due to weakened pipeline materials. Approximately 865 feet of trench lines will be opened up for piping replacement. The majority of the lines will be excavated by hand, utilizing CAL FIRE and/or Inmate labor. Some easily-accessible areas with asphalt or concrete overlay may be dug by a CAL FIRE backhoe with an 18" bucket, operated by a CAL FIRE Equipment Operator. The width and depth of the trenches are and will be generally 18" by 24", respectively. A Unit Forester will monitor and oversee the project excavations. The area to be disturbed through excavations is relatively small and has been previously disturbed when the utilities were initially installed. Trenching will occur in previously trenched areas only. No activity will take place in watercourse protection zones and there will be no stream crossings constructed. No known occurrences or habitat of threatened, rare or endangered species occur in or adjacent to the project area. No activity will take place on any steep pitches over 10% in slope or when soils are saturated.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 14 CCR §15301 Existing Facilities
 - Statutory Exemption (state code section):
 - Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
 - Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 - Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
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REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of the above-listed Categorical Exemption authorized in the CEQA Guidelines which pertain to minor maintenance and repairs to an existing public facility. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions exist which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit Headquarters in San Andreas, Attention Environmental Coordinator.

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